

# SERVICES IN SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK

## Giant Forest Area

### GIANT FOREST SEQUOIA GROVE

6400' (1950m) elevation. Home of the world's biggest trees, it offers 40 miles (64 km) of walking trails. See page 6 for highlights. Check page 3 and your map for picnic areas.

- **Giant Forest Museum (NPS):** Daily 9am-4:30pm through 5/26 then 8am-5pm. Open until 6pm starting in late June. Explore exhibits about the amazing Big Trees. Books, maps, first aid. 559-565-4480.

### CRYSTAL CAVE - Daily tours starting May 14

This cavern is one of the highlights of the park! Tickets are **not** sold at the cave; see page 3 for details and schedule.

## Lodgepole Area

### LODGEPOLE VILLAGE

6700' (2040 m) elevation. This village is a few miles north of Giant Forest, in beautiful Tokopah Canyon along the Marble Fork of the Kaweah River. For nearby picnic areas see page 3 and your map. Lodgepole Village offers:

#### INFORMATION (NPS)

- **Visitor Center:** Daily 9am-4:30pm through 5/26 then 7am-5pm. Open until 6pm starting in late June. Starting 5/14, Crystal Cave tickets sold until 3:45pm. Exhibits & a slide program on geology & forest life; books, maps, first aid. 559-565-4436.
- **Wilderness Permits:** Required for backcountry overnight trips. Self-register outside the visitor center through 5/27. Starting 5/27 go to the visitor center daily 7am-4pm. 559-565-4408.
- **Walter Fry Nature Center:** Temporarily closed for summer 2005.

#### FOOD & SHOPS (DNCPR)

- **Lodgepole Market & Gift Shop:** Daily 9am-4:30pm through 5/6; 9am-6pm 5/7-20; then 8am-8pm. Supplies, bear canisters, gifts, pre-made sandwiches, ice cream.
- **Snack Bar:** Starting 5/7 weekends only, 9am-4:30pm through 5/22, then daily 8am-8pm. Breakfast, hamburgers, hotdogs, pizza.
- **Deli:** Opens 5/21. Daily 11am-6pm. Sandwiches, salads.

#### OTHER SERVICES

- **Lodgepole Campground (NPS):** Open all year. Details on page 11.
- **Laundry and Showers (DNCPR):** Laundry daily 9am-4:30pm through 5/6; 9am-6pm 5/7-20; then 8am-8pm. Last load of laundry in 1 hour before closing. Showers 9am-5:45pm, 5/7-20; then 8am-7:45pm. Showers closed daily 1-3pm for cleaning.
- **Post Office:** Weekdays 8am-1pm & 2-4pm. 559-565-3678. Lobby with stamp machine open 24 hours. Address mail to visitors: c/o General Delivery, Sequoia National Park, CA 93262.

### WUKSACHI VILLAGE

7200' (2160 m) elevation. Open year-round 4 miles (6.4 km) north of the General Sherman Tree. The center for lodging and food services in Sequoia Park.

#### FOOD, SHOPS & LODGING (DNCPR)

- **Dining Room:** Through 5/26, breakfast 7:30-9:30am; lunch 11:30am-2:30pm; dinner 5-9pm. Starting 5/27, 7-10am, 11:30am-2:30pm & 5-10pm. Dinner reservations required. Box lunches available. 559-565-4070. Lounge open daily 4-10pm through 5/26, then 4-11pm.
- **Gift Shop:** Daily 8am-7pm through 5/26, then 8am-8pm. Film, souvenirs, crafts, clothing, art, snacks.

Thanks to Delaware North Companies Parks & Resorts and the National Park Foundation, Wuksachi Lodge guests can easily contribute to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. Ask about the Guest Donation Program when you check in!

- **Wuksachi Lodge:** See page 10 for details.

### WOLVERTON MEADOWS

7200' (2160 m) elevation. This open grassy area is just 2 miles (3.2km) north of the General Sherman Tree.

**FOOD (DNCPR):** Beginning 6/17, Wednesday-Sunday "Dinner with a Ranger" Barbeque. All-you-can-eat, served outdoors starting at 6pm.



## NATURE PROGRAMS

- ♦ **At Giant Forest, Lodgepole & Wuksachi, rangers may offer Saturday evening talks plus some weekend walks.**
- ♦ **Saturday wildflower walks are given in the foothills until May 14.**
- ♦ **On Memorial Day weekend, some programs are offered on Saturday, Sunday & Monday, May 28-30.**
- ♦ **Starting mid-June, daily programs begin in several areas. Check bulletin boards for schedules.**

## Foothills Area

1500-3500' (457-1067 m) elevation. A land of oaks, chaparral, and river canyons, hot summers and snow-free winters, the foothills have the greatest biological diversity in these parks. Park headquarters is here at Ash Mountain. In addition to picnic areas (page 3), the foothills offer:

- **Visitor Center (NPS):** Daily 8am-4:30pm through 5/27, then 8am-5pm. Open until 6pm starting late June. Starting 5/14, Crystal Cave tickets sold until 3:45pm. Exhibits, books, maps, bear canisters, first aid, local wilderness permits. 559-565-3135.
- **Potwisha Campground (NPS):** Year-round. Details on page 9.

## Mineral King Area -opens May 27

New gate: Until Friday, May 27, Mineral King Road is gated at the park boundary, about 9 miles from Highway 198. Visitors may go through with a permit from the Foothills Visitor Center. This gate was needed for law-enforcement reasons (see page 1). We regret any inconvenience.

*Be aware:* In spring & early summer, marmots chew on hoses & wiring in cars parked in upper Mineral King. Ask for information.

7800' (2380 m) elevation. This beautiful subalpine river valley at the end of a steep, narrow, difficult road (no RVs, buses, or trailers, please) has no electricity or gasoline. Mineral King offers:

- **Ranger Station (NPS):** Starting 5/27 daily 8am-4:30pm (hikers register for wilderness permits on the porch until then). A small visitor center with exhibits on area history, books, maps, local wilderness permits, first aid, & bear canisters. 559-565-3768.
- **Silver City Mountain Resort:** Open 5/27, weather permitting. Cabins, chalets. Restaurant, bakery, showers & small store (gifts, limited supplies & ice; no gasoline or fishing licenses) 8am-8pm Thursday-Monday, Tuesday-Wednesday 8am-5pm (restaurant closed). Summer 559-561-3223; winter 805-528-2730; www.silvercityresort.com.
- **Camping (NPS):** First night 5/27. No RVs or trailers. Details: page 11.